

**MINNESOTA STATE LOTTERY
GAME PROCEDURES
"COSMIC CROSSWORD"
SCRATCH GAME NO. 747**

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1.0. Name of Game

The name of Scratch Game No. 747 is "COSMIC CROSSWORD".

1.1. Price of the Game

- A. Tickets for Scratch Game No. 747 shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per Ticket.
- B. A retailer may discount the sales price of a Ticket in this game if the reduction in price is part of a storewide discount promotion on all purchases (lottery and non-lottery) made by the player. The discount of the price shall not relieve the retailer from the obligation to pay the Lottery the full price of a Ticket as stated in this section.

1.2. Definitions

- A. "Bar Code" means the unique bar-coded representation of the game Pack-Ticket Number and the Validation Number. The Bar Code will be printed in black ink and be printed horizontally across the bottom of the back of the Ticket.
- B. "Bonus Word Letters" means the letters that appear in the "Bonus Word" section on the front of the Ticket. Each Bonus Word Letter is printed in Symbol Font in black ink in positive. The possible Bonus Word Letters are as follows:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

- C. "Crossword Letters" means the letters that appear in the puzzle grid for "Puzzle 1" or "Puzzle 2" on the front of the Ticket. Each of the Crossword Letters is printed in Symbol Font in black ink in positive. The possible Crossword Letters are as follows:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

- D. "Display Printing" means that area of each Ticket outside of the area where the Play Symbols appear.

- E. "Pack" means a Pack of fan-folded "COSMIC CROSSWORD" Scratch Game Tickets that are attached to each other by perforations the retailer tears when the retailer sells a Ticket. These fan-folded Tickets are packed in plastic shrink-wrapping. A Pack shall consist of 100 Tickets, bearing a common Pack Number and having a Ticket number starting at 000 and continuing through 099.
- F. "Pack-Ticket Number" means the 13-digit code printed in Pack-Ticket Number Font in black ink in positive on the back of each Ticket in the form 000-000000-0-000. Numbering begins with 747-000001-1-000 (the 1 is an example and does not reflect the actual check digit calculation for this Pack Number).
- G. "Play Symbol" means the symbols that appear under the rub-off play area on the front of the Ticket. Each Play Symbol is printed in black ink in positive. There are two (2) types of Play Symbols in the "COSMIC CROSSWORD" scratch game: "Your Letters" Play Symbols and "Prize Box" Play Symbols. The possible Play Symbols are as follows:
 - 1. "Your Letters" Play Symbols:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M

N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
 - 2. "Prize Box" Play Symbols:

\$5	\$10	\$25	\$50	\$100	\$500	\$5000
FIVE	TEN	TWEN-FIV	FIFTY	ONEHUN	FIVHUN	FIVTHOU
- H. "Ticket" or "Scratch Game Ticket" or "Scratch Ticket" means a "COSMIC CROSSWORD" Scratch Game No. 747 Ticket.
- I. "Validation Number" means a game-wide, unique 10-digit Validation Number printed in Validation Font in black ink in positive located on the front of each Ticket on the lower portion of the play area and will be covered with the latex and overprint.

2.0. Determination of Prizewinners

- A. The determination of winners is subject to the general Ticket validation requirements set forth in Section 2.1 of these procedures; Minnesota Statutes Chapter 349A; Minnesota Rules Chapter 7857; and the requirements set out on the back of each Scratch Game Ticket.
- B. To determine if a Ticket is a winning Ticket, the Validation Number printed on the front of the Ticket must be scanned or manually entered into a terminal connected to the Lottery's computer system and the computer system must verify that the Ticket is a winning Ticket and the prize level of the winning Ticket. The revealing of the Play Symbols on the front of the Ticket does not determine if a Ticket is a winning Ticket. The revealing of the Play Symbols is offered for entertainment purposes only.

- C. An apparent prizewinner in the “COSMIC CROSSWORD” scratch game is determined when the play area on the Ticket is rubbed off to expose all twenty (20) “Your Letters” Play Symbols and the one (1) “Prize Box” Play Symbol on the front of the Ticket.
- D. The holder of a Ticket whose “Your Letters” Play Symbols under the designation “Your Letters” (middle left portion of the play area) match the Crossword Letters in the “Puzzle 1” area of the Ticket to the right of the designation “Puzzle 1” (top portion of the play area) to form at least three (3) different complete words wins the corresponding prize listed below. A word must contain at least three (3) letters. A word can only be formed linking Crossword Letters horizontally when read from left to right and vertically when read from top to bottom. A word cannot be formed by linking letters diagonally or by reading the letters from right to left or bottom to top. All of the letters in a complete word must match with the letters provided by the “Your Letters” Play Symbols. The letters forming a word within a complete word can only be used to form one (1) complete word.

<u># of Complete Words Completed</u>	<u>Prize</u>
Three (3)	Five Dollars (\$5.00)
Four (4)	Ten Dollars (\$10.00)
Five (5)	Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00)
Six (6)	Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)
Seven (7)	Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)
Eight (8)	Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)
Nine (9)	Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)
Ten (10)	One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00)

- E. The holder of a Ticket whose “Your Letters” Play Symbols under the designation “Your Letters” (middle left portion of the play area) match the Crossword Letters in the “Puzzle 2” area of the Ticket below the designation “Puzzle 2” (middle right portion of the play area) to form at least three (3) different complete words wins the corresponding prize listed below. A word must contain at least three (3) letters. A word can only be formed linking Crossword Letters horizontally when read from left to right and vertically when read from top to bottom. A word cannot be formed by linking letters diagonally or by reading the letters from right to left or bottom to top. All of the letters in a complete word must match with the letters provided by the “Your Letters” Play Symbols. The letters forming a word within a complete word can only be used to form one (1) complete word.

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Three (3)	Five Dollars (\$5.00)
Four (4)	Ten Dollars (\$10.00)
Five (5)	Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00)
Six (6)	Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)

- F. The holder of a Ticket whose “Your Letters” Play Symbols under the designation “Your Letters” (middle left portion of the play area) match all of the Bonus Word Letters in the “Bonus Word” area of the Ticket to the left of the designation “Bonus Word” (bottom portion of the play area) wins the amount designated by the “Prize Box” Play Symbol under the designation “Prize Box” immediately below the “Bonus Word” letters.
- G. No portion of the display printing or any other extraneous matter whatever shall be usable or playable as part of the scratch game.
- H. The possible prizes that may be won in the "COSMIC CROSSWORD" scratch game are:
 - Five Dollars (\$5.00)
 - Ten Dollars (\$10.00)
 - Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00)
 - Twenty Dollars (\$20.00)
 - Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00)
 - Thirty Dollars (\$30.00)
 - Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35.00)
 - Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)
 - Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00)
 - One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)
 - Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)
 - One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)
 - Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)
 - Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)
 - One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00)
- I. The holder of a winning Ticket may win only one (1) prize amount from matching the “Your Letters” Play Symbols with the “Crossword Letters” in the “Puzzle 1” area of the Ticket and one (1) prize amount from matching the “Your Letters” Play Symbols with the “Crossword Letters” in the “Puzzle 2” area of the Ticket and shall be entitled only to the prize won by matching the highest number of complete words in each puzzle.

2.1. Scratch Ticket Validation Requirements

- A. To be a valid Scratch Game Ticket, all of the following requirements must be met:
 - 1. a sufficient amount of the Validation Number and Pack-Ticket Number must be present and be legible in order to allow the information to be used to perform the Lottery’s official validation process to determine if the Ticket is a winner and the prize level of the winning Ticket;
 - 2. the Ticket must not altered, reconstituted or tampered with in any manner;

3. the Ticket must not be counterfeit in whole or in part;
 4. the Ticket must have been issued by the Lottery in an authorized manner;
 5. the Ticket must not have been stolen nor appear on any list of omitted Tickets or non-activated Tickets on file at the Lottery;
 6. the Validation Number of an apparent winning Ticket must be verified as a winning Ticket on the Lottery's computer system and the Ticket must not have been previously paid; and
 7. the Ticket must not be printed or produced in error.
- B. The Ticket must pass all additional validation tests provided for in these game procedures, the Lottery statute (Minnesota Chapter 349A), the Lottery's Prize Payment Rules (Minnesota Rules Chapter 7857) and any confidential validation tests of the Lottery.
- C. Any Ticket not passing all the validation requirements is void and is ineligible for any prize.

2.2. Procedures for Claiming Prizes

- A. To claim a prize of five dollars (\$5.00), ten dollars (\$10.00), fifteen dollars (\$15.00), twenty dollars (\$20.00), twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), thirty dollars (\$30.00), thirty-five dollars (\$35.00), fifty dollars (\$50.00), seventy-five dollars (\$75.00), one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or five hundred dollars (\$500.00), a player must sign the back of the Ticket in the space designated on the Ticket and present the winning Ticket to any lottery retailer or mail it to the Lottery at the address printed on the back of the Ticket. The lottery retailer shall verify the claim and, if valid, make payment of the amount due the player and physically void the Ticket. In the event the lottery retailer cannot verify the claim, the lottery retailer must provide the player with a claim form and instruct the player on how to file a claim with the Lottery. If the claim is validated by the Lottery, a check shall be forwarded to the player in the amount due. In the event the claim is not validated by the Lottery, the claim shall be denied and the player shall be notified promptly.
- B. To claim a prize of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), the player must sign the winning Ticket, fill out a claim form and present both the Ticket and the claim form at any Lottery Regional Office or the Lottery Headquarters or mail both to the Lottery at the address printed on the back of the Ticket. If the claim is validated by the Lottery, a check shall be forwarded to the player for payment in the amount due less any appropriate debt set-off under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 270A and any applicable federal and state withholding tax. In the event that the claim is not validated by the Lottery, the claim shall be denied and the player shall be notified promptly.

- C. To claim a prize of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), the player must sign the winning Ticket, fill out a claim form and present both at the Minnesota State Lottery headquarters in Roseville, Minnesota. If the claim is validated by the Lottery, a check shall be forwarded to the player for payment in the amount due less any appropriate debt set-off under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 270A and applicable federal and state withholding tax. In the event that the claim is not validated by the Lottery, the claimant shall be denied and the player shall be notified promptly.

2.3. Allowance for Delay of Payment

The Lottery may delay payment of a prize pending a final determination by the Director under any of the following circumstances:

- a) if a dispute occurs or it appears likely that a dispute may occur regarding the prize;
- b) if a dispute occurs or it appears likely that a dispute may occur regarding the ownership of the Ticket;
- c) if there is any question regarding the identity of the claimant;
- d) if there is any question regarding the validity of the Ticket presented for payment; or
- e) if the claim is subject to any setoff for delinquent debts owed by the claimant under Minnesota Statutes, Section 349A.08, subdivision 8.

2.4. Payment of Prizes to Persons Under 18

No prize in the "COSMIC CROSSWORD" scratch game may be paid to a person under 18 years of age.

2.5. Scratch Ticket Claim Period

All prizes must be claimed within one (1) year of the announced end of the game. If, however, the one (1) year deadline is a Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday, a claim must be submitted by the close of business the following business day.

3.0. Scratch Ticket Ownership

- A. Until such time as a signature is placed upon the back portion of a Scratch Game Ticket in the space designated therefor, a Ticket shall be owned by the physical possessor of said Ticket. When a signature is placed on the back of the Ticket in the space designated therefor, the player whose signature appears in that area shall be the owner of the Ticket and shall be entitled to any prize attributable thereto. Notwithstanding any name or names submitted on a claim form, the Director shall make payment to the player whose signature appears

on the back of the Ticket in the space designated therefor. If more than one (1) name appears on the back of the Ticket or more than one (1) person has agreed to share the prize and the prize being claimed is less than \$600.00, the Director will require that one (1) of those players whose name appears thereon or have agreed to share the prize be designated to receive payment. If more than one (1) name appears on the back of a Ticket or there is a valid agreement among more than one (1) person agreeing to share the prize and the prize being claimed is for the \$1,000.00, \$5,000.00, \$10,000.00 or the \$100,000.00 prize, the Director will make payment to each person who is a party to a valid prize sharing agreement.

B. The Lottery shall not be responsible for lost or stolen Tickets.

4.0. Number and Value of Prizes

There will be approximately 1,680,000 Tickets in the game. The expected number and value of prizes in the "COSMIC CROSSWORD" scratch game are as follows:

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Approximate Number of Winners</u>	<u>Chances of Winning</u>
\$5	252,000	1:6.67
\$10	151,200	1:11.11
\$15	16,800	1:100
\$20	16,800	1:100
\$25	10,500	1:160
\$30	7,000	1:240
\$35	7,000	1:240
\$50	10,500	1:160
\$75	700	1:2,400
\$100	4,452	1:377.36
\$500	42	1:40,000
\$1,000	21	1:80,000
\$5,000	14	1:120,000
\$10,000	10	1:168,000
\$100,000	4	1:420,000

The actual number of Tickets in the game may be increased or decreased at the sole discretion of the Lottery. The overall odds of winning a prize in the "COSMIC CROSSWORD" scratch game are 1:3.52.

5.0. Emergency Termination of the Game

The Director of the Lottery may, at any time, announce the termination of the "COSMIC CROSSWORD" scratch game without advance notice at which point no further Tickets in the scratch game may be sold.

6.0. Governing Law

In purchasing a Ticket in the "COSMIC CROSSWORD" scratch game, the player agrees to comply with and abide by these game procedures for Scratch Game No. 747; Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 349A; the Lottery's Prize Payment Rules; and all final decisions of the Director of the Lottery.